period. No further grants can be released as the award period of the Eteventh Finance Commission was over on 31.03.2005.

Non-appointment of Consultative Committee

†2965. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not failure on the part of Government and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for being not able to get ten members for appointing Consultative Committee of a Ministry;

(b) whether non-formation of the Consultative Committee of the Ministries does not amount to the disrespect and violation of parliamentary tradition; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far in the direction of appointing the Consultative Committees of all Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No Sir. As per the Guidelines on the Constitution, functioning and procedures of Consultative Committees, membership of a Consultative Committee is voluntary and a member can be nominated to one Consultative Committee only. Consultative Committees of some Ministries could not be constituted because the required number of preferences were not received from Honourable Members of Parliament for the membership of these Committees.

(c) The Government has been continuing its efforts to constitute the Consultative Committees for all the Ministries. While inviting preferences for nomination in Consultative Committees from the Members or Leaders of their parties/Groups, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been requesting them to consider the Ministries for which no Consultative Committees exist.

Arrangements for MPs

†2966. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the protocol arrangements and priorities to be provided to Members of Parliament in the States in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.